GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5746
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OECF ASSISTANCE TO SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of OECF assistance, procurement of Turbo-Generating sets for River Bed Power House ofthe Sardar Sarovar Project has been delayed;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat and other beneficiary States of the Sardar Sarovar Project have been requesting for additional assistance in lieu of OECF funding for import of Turbo- Generating sets from Japan; and

(c) whether the additional assistance be sanctioned by the Government of India to ensure commissioning of the River Bed Power House of the Sardar Sarovar Project without further delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal for Additional Central Assistance for import of Turbo-Generating sets could not be considered in view of the fact that the Project is a joint venture of State Governments of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The purchase of Turbo Generating Sets is part of this Project and payment for the same have to be provided by the concerned State Governments out of their State Plan. The Central Assistance for State Plan is provided in the framework of Gadgil Formula and is not relatable to any specific project. However, the Turbo Generating Sets are being procured through M/s. Sumitomo Corporation Ltd., Japan who have extended the Suppliers Credit.